

# Fanbak language

**Fanbak** is a minor language of Ambrym Island, Vanuatu.

## Name

Fanbak takes its name from the village of the same name, where it used to be spoken. Fanbak village has been abandoned, with residents now living among speakers of North Ambrym.<sup>[1]</sup>

Lynch and Crowley (2001) called the language "Orkon". However, it appears that Orkon, spoken in the Orkon village, really referred to a lect (either a dialect or a separate language) distinct from Fanbak. Nothing is known on Orkon proper, which now extinct.

## References

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Fanbak	
Orkon	
Native to	Vanuatu
Region	Ambrym Island
Native speakers	100 (2015) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Austronesian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southern Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northern Vanuatu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>East Vanuatu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pentecost<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Fanbak</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	fnb
Glottolog	orko1234 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/orko1234">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/orko1234</a> ) Orkon-Fanbak <sup>[2]</sup>

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